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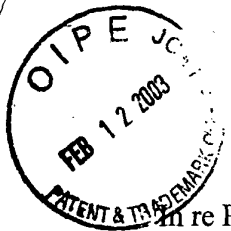Docket No.740756-2297

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In re Patent Application of:)
Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.   )   Examiner: N. Ngo
Serial No. 09/837,558   )   Group Art Unit: 2814
Filed: April 19, 2001   )
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND   )
     MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing of this application or entry into the national stage of this application, or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).
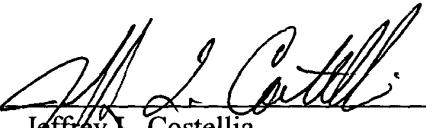
These two references were cited in the Office Action dated on January 30, 2003 in the related U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/837,552.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees connected with this filing which may be required now, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380.

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